IN THE CLAIMS:

  This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

  1. (Currently Amended) A telecommunications node, comprising:

  a jitter buffer;

  means for receiving one or more information packets, said receiving means including means for storing said one or more information packets in said jitter buffer; and

  means for adjusting a length of said one or more information packets for input to said jitter buffer based on a size of said jitter buffer.

  2. (Original) A telecommunications node according to Claim 1, said adjusting means including means for adjusting said length to a predetermined fraction of said size of said jitter buffer.

  3. (Original) A telecommunications node according to Claim 2, including means for monitoring a size of said jitter buffer during a communication.

  4. (Original) A telecommunications node according to Claim 3, said adjusting means including means responsive to said monitoring means for adjusting said length to a new size of said jitter buffer during said communication.

  5. (Currently Amended) A telecommunications method, comprising:

  receiving one or more information packets, said receiving including storing said one or more information packets in a jitter buffer; and

  adjusting a length of said one or more information packets for input to said jitter buffer based on a size of said jitter buffer.

6.   (Original) A telecommunications method according to Claim 5, said adjusting including adjusting said length to a predetermined fraction of said size of said jitter buffer.

7.   (Original) A telecommunications method according to Claim 6, including monitoring a size of said jitter buffer during a communication.

8.   (Original) A telecommunications method according to Claim 7, said adjusting including adjusting said length to a new size of said jitter buffer during said communication.

9.   (Currently Amended) A telecommunications system, comprising:
        a packet network;
        a plurality of endpoints coupled to said packet network, each of said plurality of endpoints including a jitter buffer;
        wherein each of said plurality of endpoints includes a jitter buffer controller configured to adjust a packet size of packets being input to said jitter buffer for communication over said packet network.

10.   (Original) A telecommunications system according to Claim 9, wherein said jitter buffer controller is configured to compare a proposed packet size with a threshold value, said threshold value representative of a fraction of said jitter buffer size.

11.   (Original) A telecommunications system according to claim 10, wherein said jitter buffer controller compares said proposed packet size responsive to an H.323 terminal capability exchange.

12.   (Original) A telecommunication system according to Claim 11, wherein said jitter buffer controller is configured to monitor a size of a jitter buffer during a communication and adjust a packet to a new size during a communication.

13.   (Original) A telecommunication system according to Claim 9, wherein said endpoints comprise client terminals.

14.   (Currently Amended) A telecommunication device, comprising:

a codec;

a jitter buffer coupled to an input of the codec;

a packetizer coupled to an output of the codec; and

a controller coupled to the codec, the jitter buffer, and the packetizer, wherein the controller is configured to cause the packetizer to adjust a packet size if said packet size is related to a jitter buffer size according to predetermined criteria, such that packets received at said jitter buffer are of a new size.

15.   (Original) A telecommunication device according to Claim 14, wherein the predetermined criteria is a threshold fraction of the jitter buffer size.

16.   (New) A method for use in a telecommunications device, comprising:

setting a jitter buffer size threshold;

checking a packet size against said threshold when establishing a call to another telecommunications device;

adjusting said packet size if said packet size is related to said jitter buffer size threshold according to predetermined criteria; and

transmitting packets to said another telecommunications device at an adjusted packet size.